

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION :

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following replacement paragraph:

The drug **5** is delivered to the afflicted tissue **9** by filling the reservoir **12** through the reservoir lumen **11** with a drug **5**. As the balloon **3** is expanded, drug **5** in the reservoir **12** passes or is forced through the porous membrane **13** into the voids **10** of the sponge coating **4**. Additional expansion of the balloon **3** causes the drug **5**, which is in the sponge coating **4** to be released from the sponge coating **4** into the afflicted tissue **9**. A perfusion lumen can be included in the catheter **1** to sustain the inflation of the balloon **3** and infusion of the drug **5** into the sponge coating **4** ~~as shown in Fig. 2e.~~

Please delete paragraphs [0017] and [0027].